

Bradley Palmer State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation



JULY 2022 PROGRAMS

All Programs are **FREE** and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Parking fees apply at 40 Asbury Street from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For outdoor events wear closed toe shoes, consider insect repellent and sunscreen. Bring water. Inclement weather cancels outdoor events. For more information call (978) 887-5931, ext. 4. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit Mass.gov/COVID.

Sundays

FROM COUNTRY ESTATE TO STATE PARK:

BRADLEY PALMER'S GIFT, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.,

Main Parking Lot, 40 Asbury St., Topsfield.

Hear how wealthy attorney Bradley Webster Palmer donated his

721 acre estate, now Bradley Palmer State Park, to the

Commonwealth. Experience his extravagant early 1900s world as you take a 3/4 mile outdoor tour of the stable, a once celebrated formal garden, and other surviving buildings. Best for ages 8 years

& up.

Mondays

WILLOWDALE MANSION TOUR, 10:00 –11:00 a.m., Willowdale Estate Parking Lot, 24 Asbury St., Topsfield. Go inside the Willowdale Mansion (willowdaleestate.com) for a unique guided tour. Now an event and wedding venue, this over 100 years-old Arts and Crafts style home has been beautifully restored. The second floor is not accessible to persons with limited mobility. Best for ages 8 years & up.

Thursdays July 7, 14, & 28

KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Nature Center, north of Main Parking Lot.

Children will learn about nature through coloring pages, pictures, and animal specimens. The topic varies every week, so come for all, rain or shine! Weather permitting we take a short walk to the ponds to look for wildlife. For Pre-K, ages 3-6 accompanied by an

adult.

Fridays

STATION: EXPLORE THE POND, 9:00-11:00 a.m.,

Drop-in, Ponds at Main Parking Lot.

What kinds of fascinating creatures live in or visit the ponds? Come and visit with the Park Interpreter to see if any creatures are stirring, and if any plants are flowering. Best for ages pre-K

and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays

BP (BEFORE PALMER): THE LAMSON FARM, 1680-PRESENT, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Main Parking Lot. Before Mr. Palmer bought the land that became this Park, it was the Lamson Family farm for over 200 years. Take a stroll to see the remaining farmhouse exterior and other features of the farm.

Best for ages 8 years & up.

Saturdays & Sundays

NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE,

2:00-3:30 p.m., Drop-in

Nature Center, north of Main Parking Lot,

Your chance to explore our resources up close! Come see and touch animal furs, replica skulls, animal models, etc. For ages Pre-K and

up. This is a great family activity.

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coming events